

PERF AT A GLANCE

FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

Eligibility for Plan Participation

You must be a new employee entering into a PERF-covered position. You will be able to choose membership in either the Hybrid or My Choice: Retirement Savings Plan if both plans are offered.

Vesting

Members are fully vested in their member contributions (employee share) upon hire.

The member must meet vesting requirements for employer share.

The vesting schedule for the employer share is based on full years of participation:

1 year	20%
2 years	40%
3 years	60%
4 years	80%
5 years	100%

Contributions

Mandatory 3% of gross wages paid by:

- Employer,
- employee, or
- shared by the employer and employee.

Effective July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024, the employer share rate of DC account is 0 to 4.4%.

Voluntary Contributions:

- Member can make a direct rollover from a qualified plan.
- Member can make additional post-tax contributions.

Investment Options

The default investment fund is the target date fund based on a member's estimated retirement date.

Members can make daily changes to their investment allocations.

Members can choose from 8 funds:

- Stable Value Fund
- Money Market Fund
- Fixed Income Fund
- Inflation-Linked Fixed Income Fund
- Large Cap Equity Index Fund
- International Equity Fund
- Target Date Funds

Eligibility for Disability Benefit

- Qualified for Social Security disability benefits and provided proof of qualification.
- Received a salary from a My Choice covered position within 30 days of the termination date.
- Minimum of 1 year of participation credit.
- Automatic eligibility to withdraw balance if receiving a disability benefit.
- Withdrawal is limited to the vested portion of the member's account balance.





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Withdrawals Before Retirement

Members who are **not** separated from employment may withdraw their DC account if the member is at least age 62 and has a minimum 5 years of participation credit.

Members who are disabled or separated from employment:

- may leave the DC account invested in INPRS or receive a distribution, or
- may roll over the DC account to a qualified plan or other eligible retirement accounts.

Members who are disabled or with a rollover account balance are eligible to withdraw all or part of their DC balance.

With the disability option, the employer share withdrawal is limited to the vested portion of the member's balance.

Options at Retirement

Members who meet the age and minimum balance requirements must make their distribution elections on the retirement application.

The amount of distribution is determined by account balance, taxes withheld, and distribution option chosen.

Member chooses the form of payment.

- May choose monthly payment for an annuity
- May defer payment until RMD (required minimum distribution) age
- May choose direct payment or rollover distribution
- May choose a partial withdrawal
- May choose a partial withdrawal with deferment until RMD age
- May choose to split DC and/or rollover pre-tax contribution balance
- May choose systematic withdrawal

Beneficiaries

If a member dies (1) while employed in a covered position but not in the line of duty; or (2) after terminating employment in a position covered by the plan but before withdrawing the member's account; to the extent that the member is vested, the member's account shall be paid to the beneficiary or beneficiaries designated by the member and on file with INPRS.

If the member fails to designate a beneficiary, or the beneficiary pre-deceases the member, the member's assets automatically pass to:

- 1. the surviving spouse,
- 2. surviving dependents in equal shares if there is no surviving spouse,
- 3. the member's estate.

The designated beneficiary or beneficiaries or a survivor (as determined herein) may elect to have the member's account paid as:

- a lump sum; or
- a direct rollover to another eligible retirement plan; or
- an annuity if the account balance is at least \$5,000 (for MetLife annuity) and the beneficiary or spouse is at least 62 years old: or
- installment payments for up to 5 years.

A death benefit may be forfeited if no person entitled to the benefit claims it within 3 years after the member's death

FOR YOUR BENEFIT

This handout is an overview of the PERF My Choice: Retirement Savings plan provisions for local government employees. Complete details are available in the member handbook. You may read it or print your own copy from the INPRS website. You may also request a copy in writing or by calling our toll-free number, (844) GO-INPRS.

Keep your name, address, and beneficiary choices current. Visit your online account at myINPRSretirement.org to make changes. Without a current address, INPRS can't reach you when you may be retirement eligible. INPRS can pay 6 months of retroactive pension benefits only. INPRS can pay death benefits to designated beneficiaries on file. Don't let death benefits go to the wrong person.

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